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On Labor Day, EDD Pays Tribute and Offers Help to Workers Who Make California Great

SACRAMENTO - The Employment Development Department (EDD) is observing Labor Day with a unique campaign offering insights into today's workplace trends, and paying tribute to the women and men whose hard work and creative energy have made California the world's sixth largest economy.

One feature of the campaign is "My First Job," an on-line salute to workers highlighting a cross-section of distinguished Californians – doctors and lawyers, teachers, entrepreneurs, broadcasters and many more – who share their stories of their first forays into the work world. These are inspiring stories of successful careers built on a foundation of determination and imagination – and the assistance of others.

"The Employment Development Department has long played an important role in helping Californians find jobs," EDD Director Patrick Henning said. "Whether you are looking for your first job, thinking about a new career, or seeking retraining for the jobs of the future, our dedicated and talented staff offers many services that can help you with your employment needs. And we are releasing a great deal of valuable labor market information in our annual Labor Day Briefing for California."

The briefing, which is available on line at www.edd.ca.gov, is a respected publication on significant labor market trends and topical statistics relating to the California economy. This year's report focuses on the growing job opportunities within the logistics industry and is produced by EDD's Labor Market Information Division (LMID), which provides the widest array of employment data in the state.

The EDD labor market specialists produce information equally valuable to employers and those looking to choose a solid career course or transfer to another profession: the fastest growing jobs and industries in each area, a wealth of statewide and regional economic data, the employment outlook, training providers, projections of employment, occupational wages, employment by industry, unemployment rates, and more – all of it easily accessible at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov.

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In addition, job seekers have access to more than two million jobs posted on the user-friendly CalJOBSSM, EDD's on-line labor exchange system available through the department's Web site, www.edd.ca.gov. Job seekers can not only look for a job at CalJOBSSM, but they can also easily develop and post their resumes on the site. Employers use CalJOBSSM to scan these resumes and post job openings.

Job seekers may also get one-on-one in-person assistance from EDD's Job Service staff at hundreds of local offices throughout the state, including One-Stop Career Centers. Moreover, Job Service offices hold frequent job fairs and recruitments, resume writing and job interview workshops, and offer targeted services to veterans, youth, and unemployed persons, as well as the Experience Unlimited Jobs Club for professionals.

The nearly 10,000 employees of EDD provide a wide variety of other services such as unemployment, disability and Paid Family Leave insurance benefits, payroll tax audits, collection, and employer education seminars.

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